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NAMA DENSUM
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Nama is a small annual with several prostrate, branched stems that are up to 10 cm long and radiating from the central taproot. The alternate leaves are narrowly oblong and up to 4 cm long. Foliage is covered with short hairs. Flowers are solitary in the axils of the crowded upper leaves. The white to pale lavender corollas have a 2-5 mm long tube, and 5 rounded lobes. There are 5 stamens. The 5-lobed calyx is covered with stiff, long hairs. Globose capsules contain numerous seeds. Flowering in early June.

NEMOPHILA and ELLISIA are also prostrate annuals, but they have divided leaves. A hand lens maybe needed for positive identification.